

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2389. An act to amend title 28, United States Code, with respect to the jurisdiction of Federal courts over certain cases and controversies involving the Pledge of Allegiance; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 3085. An act to amend the National Trails System Act to update the feasibility and suitability study originally prepared for the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail and provide for the inclusion of new trail segments, land components, and campgrounds associated with that trail, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 4075. An act to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to provide for better understanding and protection of marine mammals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 4894. An act to provide for certain access to national crime information databases by schools and educational agencies for employment purposes, with respect to individuals who work with children; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 5013. An act to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to prohibit the confiscation of firearms during certain national emergencies; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 5187. An act to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize additional appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 5534. To provide grants from moneys collected from violations of the corporate average fuel economy program to be used to expand infrastructure necessary to increase the availability of alternative fuels; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 5646. An act to study and promote the use of energy efficient computer servers in the United States; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 459. Concurrent resolution providing for an adjournment or recess of the two Houses; to the Committee on Appropriations.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

H.R. 4157. To promote a better health information system.

H.R. 4890. To amend the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to provide for the expedited consideration of certain proposed rescissions of budget authority.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-7759. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "International Fisheries; Pacific Tuna Fisheries; Restrictions for 2006 Longline Fisheries in the Eastern Tropical Pacific Ocean; Fishery Closure" (RIN0648-AT33) received on July 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7760. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries off West Coast States; Coastal Pelagic Species Fisheries; Annual Specifications; Pacific Sardine Fishery" (RIN0648-AT76) received on July 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7761. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Spiny Dogfish Fishery Management Plan; 2006-2008 Specifications" (RIN0648-AT59) received on July 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7762. A communication from the Acting Director, Domestic Fisheries Division, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Squid in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (ID 071706A) received on July 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7763. A communication from the Acting Director, Domestic Fisheries Division, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Western Aleutian District of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (ID 071406C) received on July 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7764. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Yellowfin Sole in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (ID 071306C) received on July 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7765. A communication from the Acting Director, Domestic Fisheries Division, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pelagic Shelf Rockfish in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (ID 071406B) received on July 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7766. A communication from the Acting Director, Domestic Fisheries Division, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Northern Rockfish in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (ID 071406D) received on July 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7767. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, De-

partment of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (ID 071306D) received on July 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7768. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "Management Decisions and Final Actions on Office of Inspector General Audit Recommendations" for the period ending March 31, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7769. A communication from the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the activities of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization for 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation.

EC-7770. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Fisheries and Habitat Conservation, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Marine Mammal; Incidental Take During Specified Activities (Beaufort Sea)" (RIN1018-AT82) received on July 31, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7771. A communication from the Director, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Direct Investment Surveys: BE-577, Direct Transactions of U.S. Reporter with Foreign Affiliate" (RIN0691-AA57) received on August 1, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7772. A communication from the Acting Director, Domestic Fisheries Division, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (ID 070606A) received on August 1, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7773. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands King and Tanner Crab Fishery Resources; Crab Economic Data Reports" (RIN0648-AU44) received on August 1, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7774. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Eastern Aleutian District of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (ID 070506A) received on August 1, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7775. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Allocating Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands King and Tanner Crab Fishery Resources" (ID 033106A) received on August 1, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7776. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Coastal Pelagic Species Fisheries; Amendment 11" (RIN0648-AT11) received on August 1, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7777. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Shrimp Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Adjustment of the Ending Date of the Texas Closure" (ID 070306A) received on August 1, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7778. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Domestic Fisheries Division, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Central Aleutian District of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (ID 070706B) received on August 1, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7779. A communication from the Acting Director, Domestic Fisheries Division, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (ID 071006F) received on August 1, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7780. A communication from the Acting Director, Domestic Fisheries Division, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the West Yakutat District of the Gulf of Alaska" (ID 071106B) received on August 1, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7781. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule: Nantucket Lightship Scallop Access Area (NLCA) Closure for General Category Scallop Vessels" (RIN0648-AU47) received on August 1, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7782. A communication from the Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Aspen and Leadville, Colorado)" (MB Docket No. 05-184) received on August 2, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7783. A communication from the Deputy Chief, Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation of Prepaid Calling Card Services" (WC Docket No. 05-68; FCC 06-79) received on August 2, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7784. A communication from the Associate Bureau Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Improving Public Safety in the 800 MHz Band" (WT Docket No. 02-55; FCC 06-63) received on August 2, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7785. A communication from the Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau,

Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Lometa, and Richland Springs, Texas)" (MB Docket 05-305) received on August 2, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7786. A communication from the Associate Managing Director, Office of Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2006" (MD Docket No. 06-68; FCC 06-102) received on August 2, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7787. A communication from the Acting Chief, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "In the matter of Universal Service Contribution Methodology; Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service—FCC 06-94" (FCC 06-94) received on August 2, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7788. A communication from the Legal Advisor to the Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Americus and Emporia, Kansas)" (MB Docket No. 05-139) received on August 2, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7789. A communication from the Associate Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Altamont and Odin, Illinois)" (MB Docket No. 05-86) received on August 2, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7790. A communication from the Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Austwell, Refugio, and Victoria, Texas)" (MB Docket No. 05-154) received on August 2, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7791. A communication from the Acting Executive Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Parts 4022 and 4044) received on August 2, 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7792. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Physicians' Referrals to Health Care Entities With Which They Have Financial Relationships; Exception for Certain Electronic Prescribing and Electronic Health Records Arrangements" (RIN0938-AN69) received on August 1, 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7793. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Office of Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare and State Health Care Programs; Fraud and Abuse; Safe Harbors for Certain Electronic Prescribing and Electronic Health Records Ar-

rangements Under the Anti-Kickback Statute" (RIN0991-AB39) received on August 1, 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7794. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Changes to the Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems and Fiscal Year 2007 Rates; Fiscal Year 2007 Occupational Mix Adjustment to Wage Index; Health Care Infrastructure Improvement Program; Selection Criteria of Loan Program for Qualifying Hospitals Engaged in Cancer Related Health Care and Forgiveness of Indebtedness; and Exclusion of Vendor Purchases Made under the Competitive Acquisition Program (CAP) for Outpatient Drugs and Biologicals Under Part B for the Purpose of Calculating the Average Sales Price (ASP)" (RIN0938-AO12; 0938-AO03; 0938-AN93; 0938-AN58) received on August 1, 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7795. A communication from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Report of Tips by Employee to Employer" (Revenue Procedure 2006-30) received on August 2, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7796. A communication from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Filed Directive on Deductibility of Casino Comps" (IRC Section 274) received on August 2, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7797. A communication from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Announcement of Amendment to Effective Date Provision of Treas. Reg. 1.7874-2T" (Notice 2006-70) received on August 2, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7798. A communication from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exclusion of Employees of 501(c)(3) Organizations in 401(k) and 401(m) Plans" (RIN1545-BC87) received on August 2, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7799. A communication from the Branch Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "May 2006 Revision of Instructions for Form 3115" (Announcement 2006-52) received on August 2, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7800. A communication from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bureau of Labor Statistics Price Indexes for Department Stores—May 2006" (Rev. Rul. 2006-40) received on August 2, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7801. A communication from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Announcement that Identifies Specified Covering Services Eligible for Services Cost Method Under Section 482" (Announcement 2006-50) received on August 2, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7802. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System for Federal Fiscal Year 2007; Certain Provisions Concerning Competitive Acquisition for Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS), Accreditation of DMEPOS Suppliers" (RIN0938-A016) received August 1, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7803. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Types of Contracts" (DFARS Case 2003-DO78) received on August 1, 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7804. A communication from the Director, Office of the General Counsel, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "OPM Employee Responsibilities and Conduct" (RIN3206-AJ69) received on July 27, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7805. A communication from the Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy Division, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Excepted Service—Appointment of Persons with Disabilities and Career and Career-Conditional Employment" (RIN3206-AK58) received on July 27, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7806. A communication from the Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cost-of-Living Allowances (Nonforeign Areas); COLA Rates Changes" (RIN3206-AK67) received on July 27, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7807. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-466, "Northwest One/Sursum Corda Affordable Housing Protection, Preservation and Production Act of 2006" received on July 31, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7808. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-455, "Marvin Gaye Recreation Center and Playground Designation Act of 2006" received on July 31, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7809. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-456, "Public Assistance Confidentiality of Information Amendment Act of 2006" received on July 31, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7810. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-457, "Low-Income Disabled Tenant Rental Conversion Protection Amendment Act of 2006" received on July 31, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7811. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-458, "Dedication of Public Streets and Alleys in Squares 5318, 5319, and 5320 S.O. 05-8132, Act of 2006" received on July 31, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7812. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-459, "Independent Office of the Tenant Advocate Establishment Amendment Act of 2006" received on July 31, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7813. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-460, "Mental Health Civil Commitment Extension Temporary Amendment Act of 2006" received on July 31, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7814. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-461, "Additional Sanctions for Nuisance Abatement and Office of the Tenant Advocate Duties Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2006" received on July 31, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7815. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-462, "Living Wage Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2006" received on July 31, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7816. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-463, "Historic Preservation Amendment Act of 2006" received on July 31, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7817. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-464, "Parking Enhancement Amendment Act of 2006" received on July 31, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7818. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-465, "Enhanced Professional Security Amendment Act of 2006" received on July 31, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7819. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-452, "Procurement of Natural Gas and Electricity Exemption Temporary Amendment Act of 2006" received on July 31, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7820. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-453, "Parking Amendment Act of 2006" received on July 31, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7821. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-454, "Barber and Cosmetologist License Act of 2006" received on July 31, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7822. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "Auditor's Examination of Parking Meter Contract Administration and Financial Management"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7823. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2-Propenoic Acid, 2-Methyl-, Polymer with Ethenylbenzene, 2-Ethylhexyl 2-Propenoate,

2-Hydroxyethyl 2-Propenoate, N-(Hydroxymethyl) -2-Methyl-20Propenamido and Methyl 2-Methyl-2-Propenoate, Ammonium Salt; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL 8077-5) received on July 27, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7824. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2H-Azepin-2-one, 1-Ethenylhexahydro-, Homopolymer; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL 8075-7) received on July 27, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7825. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Alachlor, Cholorothalonil, Methomyl, Metribuzin, Thiodicarb; Order Denying Petition to Revoke Tolerances" (FRL 8079-8) received on July 27, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7826. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fenhexamid; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL 8079-2) received on July 27, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7827. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inert Ingredients; Revocation of Two Tolerance Exemptions" (FRL 8079-9) received on July 27, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7828. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inert Ingredient; Revocation of the Wheat Bran Tolerance Exemption" (FRL 8080-1) received on July 27, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7829. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oxirane, Methyl-, Polymer with Oxirane, Monobutyl Ether; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL 8078-4) received on July 27, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7830. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Foreign Futures and Options Transactions, 17 CFR Part 30 (71 FR 40395, July 17, 2006)" (71 FR 40395) received on July 27, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7831. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Nectarines and Peaches Grown in California; Order Amending Marketing Order Nos. 916 and 917" (Docket Nos. AO-90-A7; FV05-916-1) received July 31, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7832. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interim Final Rule Amending the Egg Research and Promotion Rules and Regulations to Redistrict Geographic Areas" (Docket No. PY-06-001) received July 31, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7833. A communication from the Administrator, Poultry Programs, Department

of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Updating Administrative Requirements for Voluntary Shell Egg, Poultry, and Rabbit Grading" (RIN0581-AC25) received on July 31, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7834. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Irish Potatoes Grown in Colorado; Suspension of Continuous Assessment Rate" (Docket No. FV06-948-1 IFR) received on July 31, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7835. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Review Group, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulations Regarding Employee Conflicts of Interest" (RIN0560-AH57) received August 1, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7836. A communication from the Administrator of the Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Uniform Federal Assistance Regulations; Nondiscretionary Technical Amendments" (RIN0584-AD16) received August 1, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7837. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Joint Final Rules: Application of the Definition of Narrow-Based Security Index to Debt Securities Indexes and Security Futures on Debt Securities, 17 CFR Part 240 (71 FR 39534, July 13, 2006)" (RIN3235-AJ54) received on August 2, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7838. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Citrus Canker; Quarantine of the State of Florida" (Docket No. 06-114-1) received August 1, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7839. A communication from the President of the United States of America, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export to the People's Republic of China of items not detrimental to the United States space launch industry; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7840. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under contract in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more to Spain; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7841. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under contract in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more to the United Kingdom; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7842. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license agreement for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad and the export of defense articles or defense services in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more to Japan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7843. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under contract in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more to Japan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7844. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the export of defense articles and defense services sold commercially under contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to Mexico; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7845. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to Singapore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7846. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the termination of the 15% Danger Pay Allowance for Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7847. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to agreements between the United States and Taiwan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7848. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the establishment of the 15% Danger Pay Allowance for East Timor; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7849. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the removal of a specific sonar system from the United States Munitions List (USML); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7850. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 06-170-06-185); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7851. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans for Arizona; Maricopa County PM-10 Nonattainment Area; Serious Area Plan for Attainment of the 24-Hour and Annual PM-10 Standards" (FRL 8204-8) received on July 27, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7852. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidelines Establishing Test Procedures for the Analysis of Pollutants Under the Clean Water Act; National Primary Drinking Water Regulations; and National Secondary Drinking Water Regulations; Analysis and Sampling Procedures" (FRL 8203-8) received on July 27, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7853. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Waste Management System; Modification of the Hazardous Waste Program; Cathode Ray Tubes" (FRL 8203-1) received on July 27, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7854. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), Department of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the environmental restoration and protection of Smith Island, Maryland; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7855. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the recommendations of regional joint boards for the study of economic dispatch; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7856. A communication from the Secretary of the Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report relative to the Strategic Petroleum Reserve for the year 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7857. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting a draft of a bill entitled "National Heritage Areas Partnership Act"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7858. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department of Energy's Underground Storage Tank (UST) compliance strategy; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7859. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department of Energy's strategic research portfolio analysis and coordination plan; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7860. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the estimated cost and proposed schedule for the completion of the Environmental Impact Statement and record of decision for the disposal of greater-than-class C low-level radioactive waste; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7861. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, (4) reports relative to vacancy announcements within the Agency, received on August 1, 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-419. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the State of Texas relative to memorializing Congress to posthumously bestow the Congressional Medal of Honor upon Doris "Dorie" Miller and to request the U.S. Postal Service to issue a commemorative postage stamp to honor Miller; to the Committee on Armed Services.

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 106

Whereas, World War II hero Doris "Dorie" Miller exhibited extraordinary courage on the USS *West Virginia* during the December 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor, and his bravery has not received the full honors and recognition that it merits; and